

# SERIOUS MATTER.

## No Trap at Kettle Island Hampers Boat Fishermen.

## FISH DEALERS ALSO FEEL IT.

## Shore Fishermen Preparing Petition in Regard to Matter.

The muddle over the location of a fish trap at or near Kettle Island is causing at present, and is liable to do so in the future, unless soon settled, a serious state of affairs, not only for the two most interested parties, Heath Bros. of Manchester and Alphonso Tarr of this city, but also for the many boat fishermen from this and adjacent ports, and later on for the many summer hotels and cottagers who look to them for their supply of fresh fish.

As the matter stands, Heath Bros. have been granted by Manchester the same location for their trap that they have had the past five years, while this city has granted the location to Mr. Tarr. Manchester will stick by the Heaths, and Gloucester, through the board of aldermen, has stood by Mr. Tarr and there the whole matter rests at the present time.

For the past five years, Heath Brothers have been granted a trap location off Kettle Island, which was originally occupied by Mr. Tarr, and which is now sought by both. This deadlock in the matter has caused loss of valuable time, and both have been the losers, as the traps should have been in position long ago. Herring struck over to Cape Cod some time since, and had the trap or traps been down, hauls would undoubtedly have been made at the place in question. Instead of this being the case, the boat fishermen have been obliged to await the arrival of their bait supply from Cape Cod via Boston and pay high prices for it. Had the trap or traps been down, they would have been able to run up to the island, get their bait and slide out and get a trip. They claim that they have lost much valuable time waiting for bait and then had to pay higher for it than if they could have got it from the trap or traps here.

The boat fishermen are really much worried over the situation, and feel that if it continues, it will bother them to an alarming extent. Their bait of course will have come via Boston, and this alone would mean loss of much valuable time and an increase of cost in securing the bait. They claim that this state of things they could not stand, and also claim that it would affect the fresh fish dealers here to a great extent. The fishermen have considered the matter very seriously of late and have started a petition, to be presented to the city government, stating their position, which will no doubt will be generally signed, hoping thereby that something may be done in the matter.

It is claimed that if the trap or traps are not down for the year, the summer people, who are always trying to prevent these traps along shore, will use this for an argument and try strongly to prevent any being put there again, claiming that if it was not needed for a year, it would not be needed hereafter. The matter is certainly a serious one, and it is hoped that before the situation becomes acute, that some way, agreeable to all concerned, will be found out of the difficulty.

The several fresh fish dealers also say that the absence of a trap or traps at this place is really a serious detriment to their business, and all are in hopes that at an early date the matter will be adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. They say that it really means much to them, and that for matters to continue as at present is not only handicapping them, but causing financial loss to the boat fishermen as well as to the directly interested parties, Messrs. Heath and Tarr.

The solution of the problem or the outcome of it is not easy to foretell, but it is hoped for the sake of all concerned that something will soon be done which will remedy what is at present a serious state of affairs.

## WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

The tone of the market this week has been a little easier than for some time past, not that prices have declined, but curers have been offering fish to the shippers, where for some time it has been hard work to get any in any way.

Receipts of shack have been fair, a number of vessels having brought their trips down from Boston to split. The bank fleet has been heard from, 21 sail being on the Peak, the majority finding fish scarce. Big receipts of western halibut have caused the price on Atlantic caught fish to drop in spite of the light catches. The southern sailing fleet is fitting out and many will sail next week. The Spring fishing season is now fairly on.

As to trade, orders are light and not plenty. Stocks continue small in first hands and prices continue high on salt and fresh ground fish although a drop is looked for if fish continue in fair receipt, as the prices of the past two weeks have been so high as to be way above the true value of the product.

The receipts at this port for the week ending March 26 are  
42,000 lbs. salt cod.  
498,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
27,000 lbs. halibut.  
374,000 lbs. haddock.  
25,000 lbs. pollock.  
22,000 lbs. hake.  
31,000 lbs. cusk.  
800 qtls. cured fish.

### Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Firm Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	5.00	5.00
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	4.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	
Medium Georges cod	3.50	
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable	4.25	
Medium do.	3.50	
Large trawl bank cod	3.75	
Medium trawl bank cod	3.37 1 2	
Large dory handline cod	4.00	
Medium do.	3.62 1-2	

### Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.75	2.75
Medium do.	2.25	2.25
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.37 1-2	2.37 1-2
Medium do.	2.00	2.00
Cusk	2.00	2.00
Haddock	1.50	1.50
Hake	1.10	1.10
Pollock	.70	.70

### Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.	
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.	
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 8 3-4 cts. per lb.	
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 7 cts. per lb.	
Georges halibut, 10 cts and 8 cts. per lb. for white and gray.	
Smoked bloater herring, \$1.45 per hundred.	

### Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod \$9.00 per qtl.	
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.75
Cured large Bank cod	6.25
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	7.00
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.50 to 3
Cured haddock	4.25
Heavy salted pollock	2.50
English cured pollock	3.50
Large handline bank	7.50
Medium handline bank	\$6.50

### Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$19 to \$20 per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	21 to 22 per bbl.
Shore bloaters	24 to 25 per bbl.
Nova Scotias	18 per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	18 per bbl.
Norway bloaters	39 per bbl.
Shore 1s	29.50 per bbl.
	26 per bbl.

# WOULDN'T SELL TO CANADA.

## Senator Hoar Talks on Gloucester Fisheries.

## HAS PRIDE IN NAVAL HISTORY.

## Interviews Show Republicans Oppose Canadian Reciprocity.

The Boston Sunday Herald, yesterday, in dispatches from Washington, published interviews with New England senators and representatives, relative to Canadian reciprocity. As a whole, the reciprocity idea, as proposed by its advocates, meets with little encouragement from the Republicans in Congress generally. Senators Hoar and Lodge, like most of their colleagues from New England, are in favor of reciprocal relations with Canada, if "genuine reciprocity" can be effected, but they make the usual qualification that they do not favor any arrangement along this line that would "result in great benefits to Canada and in detriment to the interests of New England."

Senators Frye of Maine, Dillingham of Vermont and Gallinger of New Hampshire are in practical accord with their associates of Massachusetts on this question.

The Republican members of the House from New England who have expressed their views on this question hold the opinion generally that reciprocity with Canada, especially as it contemplates the free exchange of the natural products of that country and the United States, would be unprofitable to New England. Mr. McCall, however, dissents from this view, and holds that reciprocity would benefit Massachusetts and Boston commercial interests especially.

Senator Hoar in his interview said that it was better to accomplish reciprocity by legislation than by a treaty. He stood out strongly for Gloucester and said:

"I am not in favor of selling out the Gloucester fisheries to Canada. I take too much pride in the naval history of Massachusetts to do that. I do not wish to be haunted all the rest of my life by the ghost of old John Adams or of John Quincy Adams. I should as soon think of selling the naval school at Annapolis. These fisheries have been the nurseries of seamen from the beginning—from a time long before the revolution. If we may trust Admiral Porter; if we may trust Secretary Moody; if we may trust any naval expert who knows anything about the matter, they were never of greater value than in recent days since the introduction of steam."

Senator William P. Frye of Maine said: If Canada were an independent state, probably a satisfactory reciprocity treaty might be entered into between the two countries, but so long as Great Britain is finally to determine the terms of such a treaty, it seems to me, for reasons apparent to any one, that a problem is furnished very difficult of solution. Canada desires to export to our country, very largely, her agricultural products, while we seek, within her borders, a market for the products of our manufacturers. Will Great Britain ever consent to a treaty giving our country any preference over her in the markets of Canada? Would any treaty under which we only had equal privileges with her be acceptable to us?

Perhaps the opinion expressed by Congressman Butler Ames expresses the general sentiment on the question:

"All I care to say at the present time is that I am in favor of genuine, not sham reciprocity."



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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arcadia, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Arbitrator, Brown's Bank, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. haddock, 5000 lbs. cusk.  
Sch. Kineo, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh cod, 10,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Brown's Bank, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod, 55,000 lbs. haddock, 10,000 lbs. cusk.  
Sch. Pauline, Georges, 40,000 lbs. cod, 40,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 30,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Lillian, shore.  
Sch. Nickerson, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.00 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.

Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.

Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak, \$2.37 1-2 others \$2.75; medium cod, Peak, \$2 others, \$2.15; haddock, (right through,) \$1.50; pollock, 70; cusk, \$2; hake, \$1.10.

Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 8-3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. per lb. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.

Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, haddocking.

### Boston.

Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Golden-Rod, 55,000 fresh fish.  
Sch. E. C. Hussey.  
Sch. Matchless, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Fauny Belle Atwood, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Joseph W. Cromwell.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Jennie and Agnes, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Col. J. H. Adstin, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Metamora, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Regina.  
Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Philomena Manta, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Rose Cabral.  
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. John Stream of sch. Kineo reports speaking schs. Volant and Patriot on Georges.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis arrived here Saturday from Georges with a big fare of fresh fish and went to Boston yesterday. She will probably have to bring them here, as the market is glutted today.

### Portland.

Schs. Bernie and Bessie, John A. Allen and Uncle Joe were at Portland Friday.  
Sch. Uncle Joe was at Portland on Saturday.

### More Pacific Halibut Coming.

Fifteen cars of Western halibut are due from the Pacific coast this week for the New England Fish Co.

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A matter which has been looked upon with great interest by a very large number in this vicinity is the power boat bill before congress, providing for certain restrictions in running these craft. It will be learned with a source of pleasure that the bill has no chance for its life in the present congress, it being found that public sentiment was all one way, and that against it. Consequently the naphtha or gasoline launch owner can seek pleasure in the harbor or river, the power boat fisherman can pursue his vocation as in the past, without inspection or licensed officers in boats under 15 tons. All there is to do is simply comply with the rules of the race governing the navigation of steam vessels. The Marine Journal of New York has strongly opposed the proposed measure, and in an editorial last week says in part:

"Power boat-builders, owners and operators, and the public generally, are to be congratulated upon the practical defeat of H. R. bill 7033, which aimed to place all power-boats, no matter how small, under the law governing the steam vessel inspection service, which relates to inspection and licensed officers—they being already amenable to the rules of the road.

"Those who have been the strongest advocates of this bill have learned one fact through the various hearings before the Com-

mittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which is that members of Congress, after hearing both sides of a question, are as able to judge which side is right as an expert. In this case it did not take long for those who opposed this bill to prove to a majority of the committee that its advocates were attacking an industry that was engaged in the building and navigation of pleasure boats, which interfered but slightly, if at all, with any other industry.

"Congress is always inclined to foster any calling which enlarges the scope of profit and enjoyment of the masses. Nothing in recent years has done more in this line than the invention of the various styles of power-boats. When this, with other facts, were made plain to the committee, evidence of the bill's unpopularity and evident condemnation became apparent."

## ANOTHER BIG FARE.

### Capt. Hans B. Joyce Adds to His Wonderful Record.

### Lands 650,000 Pounds of Halibut in Four Weeks.

Capt. Hans B. Joyce of the New England Fish Company's steamer Kingfisher arrived at Vancouver, B. C., last Saturday with another large fare 200,000 pounds of halibut, caught on the northern fishing banks. This makes 650,000 pounds which Capt. Joyce has caught and landed in less than four weeks.

The Kingfisher landed 230,000 pounds of halibut on one trip a year ago March 10, which was the largest fare on record until this year.

When it comes to catching halibut, Capt. Joyce is certainly making a record unequalled in the history of the western halibut fishery. His phenomenal success is very gratifying to his host of friends here in the east who well remember his ability as a fisherman par excellence.

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## SEALING STEAMER LOST.

### Crew of 110 Men Hauled Boats Over Ice to Open Water.

A despatch from Supt. Campbell of St. Paul's Island to the Canadian department of the marine says that the sealing steamer Elliot has again been abandoned by her crew.

The Elliot, after having repaired the injury previously received in the ice-pack, proceeded on Saturday for the fisheries. Five miles off the coast she was jammed in the ice, her rudder carried away and water rushed into her hold. The crew of 110 men took to boats, which they hauled over the ice to open water, and made their way back to the island, much exhausted.

### Saw the Georges Fleet.

Capt. John Stream of sch. Kineo reports seeing a large fleet of Georgesmen on Georges. They were finding fish scarce and were constantly shifting berths.

## Confederation for Newfoundland Looked For.

A London dispatch states that it is anticipated that the renewal of official negotiations for the entry of Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation will be an early sequel of the Anglo-French understanding now almost completed between Lord Lansdowne and M. Delcasse. Three million francs is thought quite reasonable compensation to the dispossessed French lobster factories on the treaty shore. It is understood that Newfoundland will be expected to concede to Canadian fishermen whatever fishing and bait rights are given to French fishermen under the new arrangements. The existence of this French shore quarrel has been the chief obstacle in the way of federation negotiations between Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government and the government of St. John's.

### Good Trips.

Sch. Pauline, Capt. Patrick Vale, arrived from Georges Saturday afternoon with a fine fare of 40,000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Goodwin, arrived from Brown's bank this morning with a large fare of 85,000 pounds of fresh fish.

There are 11 offshore trips at Boston this morning and many of them are large ones.

### FIRST SEINER AWAY.

### Sch. Saladin Sailed South Seining This Morning.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Har McKown, sailed south seining this forenoon, being the first of the fleet to get away this season. Sch. Ralph L. Hall is in the stream all ready to sail and will probably go some time today. Several others will also sail in a few days.

### Will Come Here To Split.

There are many off shore trips of fresh fish at Boston today and many of the vessels will bring their fares to split.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Claudia sold to the New England Fish Company.